# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, May 25th has annually been declared National Missing Children's Day. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first Missing Children's Day; and,

***Whereas***, The Missing Children Act of 1982 was the first federal law to address this issue, and 2012 marks the thirty year anniversary of the Missing Children Act; and,

***Whereas***, Citizens, law enforcement, families, and friends of missing children join together to plan events in communities across America to raise public awareness about the issue of missing children; and,

***Whereas***, Children are our most valuable asset, our link to the future, and their protection and safety deserve our utmost attention and priority; and,

***Whereas***, State, county, city, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies across South Dakota have made a commitment to missing children by forming and participating in the statewide Amber Alert Plan, Endangered Persons Advisory, and Child Abduction Response Team to train, prepare, and respond in the event a child is abducted in South Dakota; and,

***Whereas***, The state of South Dakota shows commitment to the improved safety and recovery of missing children by our participation in the Interstate Advisory Council for Missing and Exploited Children:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2012, as

## *MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State